

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

Q' The present application claims priority from U.S. Patent Application No. 60/311,407_____, entitled "EXTENDED CUTTING BLADES FOR HAND-HELD CUTTING TOOLS, " filed 10 August 2001, ~~and identified by Perkins Coie LLP Docket No. 31957-8010.~~